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Argentina's last dictator, former Gen. Reynaldo Benito Bignone, is escorted after reading his final statement before the verdict in his trial, along with five former generals and two others, who are accused of kidnappings and murders in one of the nation's largest torture centers, the Campo de Mayo military base, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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In this Nov. 15, 2009 file photo, Mexico's Lorena Ochoa chips the ball on the first green during the final round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico. Ochoa, the No. 1-ranked woman in world golf, announced her retirement from the game in a short statement on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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Gates: Sensitive export list outdated, ineffective

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. government will update a Cold War-era rule book that decides which U.S. technologies and products may be sold abroad, revamping a system criticized as too strict and one that does not always keep sensitive technology out of unfriendly hands, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.

The move was expected to open doors for U.S. businesses that want to sell their wares abroad but cannot, or do not bother, because U.S. regulations are so restrictive.

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Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks before the Business Executives for National Security at the Reagan Building in Washington, Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Gates said the U.S. will soon begin updating its antiquated export-control system to better keep sensitive technology out of the hands of terrorists and other adversaries.

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SEC chief pledges better oversight of banks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday pledged better oversight of the nation's largest banks after criticism that the agency failed to spot accounting tricks at investment bank Lehman Brothers before it collapsed.

Chairman Mary Schapiro told a congressional panel that the agency has sent letters to 19 banks seeking information about whether they are using accounting tricks that a bankruptcy examiner said masked the bank's precarious financial condition. Lehman failed in September 2008 in the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

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Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Schapiro testifies before the House Financial Services Committee regarding financial reform on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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The plan probably will encounter resistance in Congress, where many lawmakers say they worry about proliferation. While some of the reforms can be done thru executive power, a complete overhaul of the system would require

legislation.

Gates said he wants Congress to pass a revamp bill by the end of the year because the existing bureaucracy has alienated U.S. allies and still failed to keep sophisticated technology away from adversaries.

The "famous maxim, 'He who defends everything, defends

nothing' certainly applies to export control," Gates said in a speech attended by defense contractors.

The proposal is focused on so-called dual-use technologies, items like computers and helicopter spare parts that are sold commercially for civilian purposes but also can be used by militant forces. Various federal agencies regulate these items and have competing oversight on whether they may be sold abroad.

The Obama administration's plan wants a single list and a single licensing agency to control the export system. The plan also would create a single enforcement agency. This final step in particular was expected to require legislation.

Gates said the single list and licensing agency would allow the government to concentrate on controlling the nation's "crown jewels." "Items that have no significant military impact or that use

widely available technology could be approved for export quickly," Gates said.

Lawmakers said Tuesday they were supportive of the concept, but some stopped short of endorsing the administration's plan. Reps. Ike Skelton, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Buck McKeon, the panel's top Republican, said they looked forward to convening hearings on the issue.

National security must remain "the paramount factor," McKeon said.

Rep. Howard Berman, another Democrat and the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Democratic Sen. Christopher Dodd, who heads the Senate Banking Committee, are said to be the plan's biggest advocates.

In a statement, Berman said Gates provided a "forceful rationale" for reform and that he would sponsor an

overhaul bill.

Gates says a major culprit in the current system is an overly broad definition of what should be controlled. When he was deputy director for intelligence at the CIA in 1982, Gates said the United States was tracking so many technologies that the number of items outstripped the government's ability to monitor them.

"We were wasting our time and resources tracking technologies you could buy at RadioShack," he said.

The system also is mired in bureaucracy and is spread around a number of federal agencies including the Defense, State and Commerce departments.

"In theory, this provides checks and balances," he said. "In reality, it creates confusion about who has jurisdiction, allowing for more mistakes and for exporters to shop around for the agency that will give them the best result." □



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Report links school lunches to national security threat

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Many American children are so overweight from being fed french fries, pizza and other unhealthy foods at school lunchrooms that they cannot handle the physical rigors of being in the military, a group of retired U.S. officers say in a new report.

National security is threatened by the sharp rise in obesity rates for young people over the last 15 years, the group Mission: Readiness contends. Weight problems are now the leading medical reason that recruits are rejected, the group says, and thus jeopardize the military's ability to fill its ranks.

In a report released Tuesday, the group says that 9 million young adults, or 27 percent of all Americans ages 17 to 24, are too fat to join the military. The retired officers were with lawmakers advocating for passage of a wide-ranging nutrition bill that aims to make the nation's school lunches healthier.

The military group acknowledges that other things keep young adults out of the armed services, such as a criminal record or the lack of a high school diploma.

Although all branches of the military now meet or exceed recruitment goals, retired Navy Rear Adm.

James Barnett Jr., a member of the officers group, says the obesity trend could affect that.

"When over a quarter of young adults are too fat to fight, we need to take notice," Barnett said. He noted that national security in the year 2030 is "absolutely dependent" on reversing child obesity rates.

Recruitment is not the only problem posed by obesity. According to the report, the government spends tens of millions of dollars every year to train replacements for service members discharged because of weight problems.

This isn't the first time the military has gotten involved in the debate over school lunches. During World War II, military leaders had the opposite problem, reporting that many recruits were rejected because of stunted growth and inadequate nutrition. After the war, military leaders pushed Congress to establish the national school lunch program so children would grow up healthier.

The program was established in 1946, "as a measure of national security," according to the original bill language.

Today, the group is urging Congress to eliminate junk food and high-calorie beverages from schools, put more money into the school lunch program and develop

Eight-year-old Crystal Ojeda, left, chats with Kevin Concannon, USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, during an appearance at Coronado Hills Elementary School in the north Denver suburb of Thornton, Colo., on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., and Concannon had lunch with the second-grade students before holding a roundtable discussion about issues surrounding childhood hunger, nutrition, physical activity and obesity.

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new strategies that help children develop healthier habits.

The school lunch bill, currently awaiting a Senate vote, would establish healthier options for all foods in schools, including vending machine items. The legislation would spend \$4.5 billion more over 10 years for nutrition programs.

The Army is already doing its part to catch the problem earlier, working with high schoolers and interested recruits to lose weight before they are eligible for service, says U.S. Army Recruiting Command's Mark Howell. He added that he had to lose 10 pounds himself before he joined the military.

"This is the future of our Army we are looking at when we talk about these 17- to 24-year-olds," Howell said. "The sad thing is a lot of them want to join but can't." □



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House abandons vote bill for nation's capital.



In this Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 file photo, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., poses for a photograph in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington. The people of the nation's capital have waited more than two centuries to get a vote in Congress, and now it looks like Washington's roughly 600,000 residents will have to wait even longer. House members, including the District's nonvoting delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, have been trying for the past year to find a formula that would allow a vote while satisfying the powerful gun rights lobby in Congress.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The District of Columbia, as the U.S. capital is formally known, has waited more than two centuries to get a vote in Congress, and now it

looks like the city's roughly 600,000 residents will have to wait even longer.

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced Tuesday that lawmakers will not take up legislation this week giving D.C. residents a vote in the

House of Representatives, and said he was "profoundly disappointed."

The Democrat also said it was unlikely the enfranchisement bill, which became embroiled in a gun rights dispute and other issues, would be considered in the House later this year.

With Democrats, the main supporters of the legislation, expected to lose seats in the November election, the possibilities for resurrecting the measure next year were uncertain.

The bill would have increased full House membership from 435 to 437, giving District residents a vote while adding a temporary at-large seat for Republican-leaning Utah, which narrowly missed out on getting an extra seat after the 2000 census.

The House passed the bill in 2007 and the Senate approved it last year. But the Senate bill came with an amendment that would have forced the District to effectively eliminate its tough gun control laws.

House members, including the District's nonvoting delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, have been trying for

the past year to find a formula that would allow a vote while satisfying the powerful gun rights lobby in Congress. But in the end, no resolution was reached.

Norton said she and Democratic leaders in the House were "shocked and blindsided" over the weekend to receive what she said was a National Rifle Association-drafted gun bill to accompany the voting act.

She said the proposal was even stronger than the gun provision passed in the Senate, barring the district from prohibiting or interfering with the carrying of firearms, either concealed or openly, in public. She said it would also have made it easy for people to carry firearms without permits and would stop the district from prohibiting guns in city-controlled buildings.

"The new sections will surely bring down the support we have had of anti-gun Democratic senators," she said.

At least six of the 13 members of the District of Columbia City Council, including the body's chairman, said they would not support the bill

with any amendment that would weaken the city's strict gun laws. The city's mayor, Adrian Fenty, had said he supported Norton's efforts to go forward with the bill. Fenty said he believed the majority of residents wanted to push forward on voting rights and that gun rights advocates would try to weaken the District's gun laws even without a voting rights bill.

Democratic gun control supporters in both the House and Senate indicated they might vote against the voting rights bill if the gun provision remained a part of it.

"I believe the District will become much less safe, and the opportunity for criminals, mentally unstable persons and juveniles to purchase weapons will increase dramatically," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said in a statement, adding she would vote against the bill if it repeals D.C.'s firearms laws.

Hoyer said there were a combination of factors in the decision not to take up the bill, but the bottom line was that "the price was too high." □

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Court voids law aimed at animal cruelty videos

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court, with only one dissenting vote Tuesday, struck down a U.S. ban on videos that show graphic violence against animals. The ruling cheered free speech advocates, but it raised concerns that more animals will be harmed.

The justices threw out the criminal conviction of Robert Stevens, who was sentenced to three years in prison for videos he made about pit bull fights.

The law was enacted in 1999 to limit Internet sales of so-called crush videos, which appeal to a certain sexual fetish by showing women crushing to death small animals with their bare feet or high-heeled shoes.

The videos virtually disappeared once the measure became law, the government argued. The Bush administration used the law for the first time when it indicted Stevens in 2004.

All 50 states have laws against animal cruelty, but the federal statute targeted the videos because it has been difficult to prosecute people who take part in violence against animals with a camera rolling, but

not showing their faces.

Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, said the law goes too far. He suggested that a measure limited to crush videos might be valid.

The Humane Society of the United States said it would press Congress to adopt a narrower ban on the sale of videos showing "malicious acts of cruelty." Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Democrat, is looking at whether there is a way "to protect animal rights, which really is the main focus, without infringing on free speech," Blumenauer spokeswoman Erin Allweiss said. In dissent, Justice Samuel Alito, a dog owner himself, said the harm animals suffer in dogfights is enough to sustain the law. Alito's dog, Zeus, a springer spaniel, is sometimes seen around the court being walked by Alito's wife, Martha-Ann. Alito also said the ruling probably will spur new crush videos because it has "the practical effect of legalizing the sale of such videos." Humane Society President Wayne Pacelle said hundreds of crush videos appeared on the Internet after a federal appeals court ruled in Stevens' favor in 2008. □

Booby trap probe leads to California raids, arrests

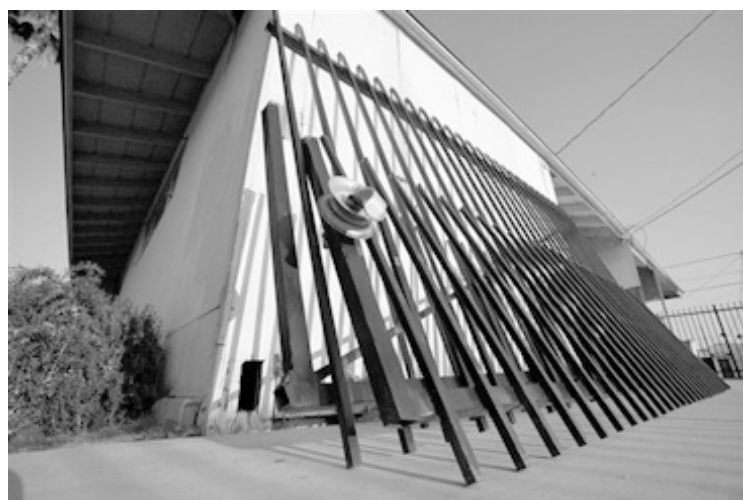
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Southern California homes of dozens of white supremacists were raided Tuesday as part of a probe into a string of potentially deadly booby trap attacks targeting police officers, authorities said. Federal and local officers converged on 35 homes and took 16 people into custody in Riverside County for a variety of crimes, including weapons, narcotics and parole

violations, Hemet police Capt. Dave Brown said. None of the arrests were directly related to the booby trap attacks that have plagued the small Hemet Police Department since New Year's Eve. "But we hope some (arrests) will lead us to our suspects," Brown said. District Attorney Rod Pacheco said everyone arrested was connected to white supremacist groups. "They are upset with our

aggressive posture against all gangs," Pacheco said. "White supremacist gangs have been very violent, especially toward law enforcement." Hemet police have been targeted at least three times. In one case, a ballistic device strapped to a fence at the gang unit compound sent a bullet within inches of an officer's face. In another incident, someone rerouted a natural gas line at the compound, filling the building with flammable



In this Thursday March 18, 2010 file photo, parts of a fence that fronted a tract home that had been converted to a headquarters for the Riverside County Gang Task Force in Hemet, Calif. is shown. A ballistic device strapped to the fence sent a bullet within inches of an officer's face. The Southern California homes of dozens of white supremacists were raided Tuesday, April 20, 2010, as part of a probe into a string of potentially deadly booby trap attacks targeting police officers, authorities said.

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Balloon boy parents to pay \$36K in restitution

FORT COLLINS, Colorado (AP) — The parents who pleaded guilty in the balloon boy hoax have agreed to pay about \$36,000 in restitution to authorities who responded to the incident.

Larimer County Chief Judge Stephen Schapanski accepted the agreement that prosecutors reached with Richard and Mayumi Heene, who weren't at Tuesday's hearing.

The Larimer County sheriff's office and other agencies had sought \$48,000 for responding to the Oct. 15 incident. The Heenes reported their 6-year-old son had floated away in a homemade UFO-shaped helium balloon, touching off a scramble of dozens of emergency responders and two Colorado National Guard helicopters.

The boy wasn't on the balloon and was later found at his home in Fort Collins, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Denver. Authorities accused the Heenes of staging a hoax to get publicity for reality TV

shows they were trying to pitch. The Heenes' attorneys had argued the couple should pay only a small amount in compensation. Richard Heene's attorney, David Lane, said in January that it appeared authorities wanted to make money on the episode. The Heenes' attorneys didn't immediately return calls after business hours Tuesday. Prosecutors reduced the amount sought, agreeing to drop the sheriff's request for investigative costs. Damage to a farmer's wheat crop where the balloon landed hasn't been calculated.

Richard Heene was sentenced to 90 days in jail for falsely influencing authorities. Mayumi Heene was sentenced to 20 days for filing a false report.



In this Dec. 23, 2009 file photo, Richard and Mayumi Heene leave court after sentencing on in Fort Collins, Colo., in connection with the "Balloon Boy" hoax. The Heenes on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 agreed to pay about \$36,000 in restitution to authorities who responded to the incident.

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vapor. No one was hurt. Four city trucks were set ablaze, and an explosive device was attached to an unmarked police car after an officer went into a convenience store. A fire at a police rifle range was being investigated as a possible arson. Pacheco stressed the investigation was ongoing, and detectives were exploring a variety of theories about who was responsible for the booby traps. Hemet police officials previously suspected the

Vagos motorcycle gang may have been behind the attacks. But a series of arrests did not lead to any charges. Tuesday's raids started before dawn and lasted throughout the morning. Most of the homes were in Hemet and the surrounding San Jacinto Valley, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles. Historically a rural retirement community, Hemet saw rapid growth during the real estate boom but has since been ravaged by the foreclosure crisis. □



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Flights resume in E but travel chaos not over



A pilot gives the thumbs up to as gets the go ahead to leave Belfast City Airport, Northern Ireland, Tuesday, April, 20, 2010. Europe began allowing limited air traffic to resume, giving hope to millions of travelers stranded around the world when ash from a volcano in Iceland choked the jet age to a halt.

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LONDON (AP) — Europe's busiest airport reopened Tuesday as air traffic across the

continent lurched back to life.

But the gridlock created by Iceland's volcanic ash plume was far from over: Officials said it would be weeks before all stranded travelers could be

brought home.

Passengers wept with relief as flights took off from Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport, Amsterdam and elsewhere. A jetliner from Vancouver,

British Columbia, was the first to land at London's Heathrow airport, the continent's busiest, since the volcano erupted last week.

British Airways said it expected about two dozen flights from the United States, Africa and Asia to land by early Wednesday.

Travelers cheered as the first European flights took off.

Jenny Lynn Cohen, waiting at Charles de Gaulle to travel to San Francisco, had a boarding pass but could hardly believe she was going to fly.

"I am a little afraid — I am hopeful that the plane will take off, and that it won't meet with any volcanic ash," she said.

Chris James, arriving at Heathrow from Mauritius, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that passengers on his flight didn't know they would land in London until 45 minutes before their plane touched down.

"Initially it was quite a stressful situation, we didn't know what was happening," James said.

The Eurocontrol air traffic agency said it expected just under half of the 27,500 flights over Europe to go ahead Tuesday, a marked improvement over the last few days. The agency predicted close to normal takeoffs by Friday.

It was the first day since the April 14 eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull (ay-yah-FYAH-lah-yer-kuhl) volcano — dormant for nearly 200 years — that travelers were given a reason for hope.

"The situation today is much improved," said Brian Flynn, deputy head of operations at the Brussels-based agency.

Conditions changed fast. Airspace in Germany remained officially closed, but about 800 flights were allowed at low altitude.

Rita and Peter Meyer said they had to share a hotel room with two strangers in Singapore while waiting to find a way home to Germany. News that they could fly to Frankfurt airport came as they slept.

"Just after midnight — after an hour's sleep — the phone rang (and they said), 'Everyone

downstairs, get in taxis to the airport,'" Rita Meyer said.

But with more than 95,000 flights canceled in the last week alone, airlines faced the enormous task of working through the backlog to get passengers where they want to go — a challenge that could take days or even weeks.

Passengers with current tickets were being given priority; those who had been stranded for days were told to either buy a new ticket or take their chances using the old one — a wait that could be days or weeks for the next available seat.

"Once your flight's canceled, you go to the back of the queue," said Laurie Price, director of aviation strategy at consultant Mott MacDonald, who was stranded in Halifax, Canada. "It seems intrinsically unfair."

The volcano that prompted the turmoil continued to rumble, and tremors could be heard and felt as far as 15 miles from the crater.

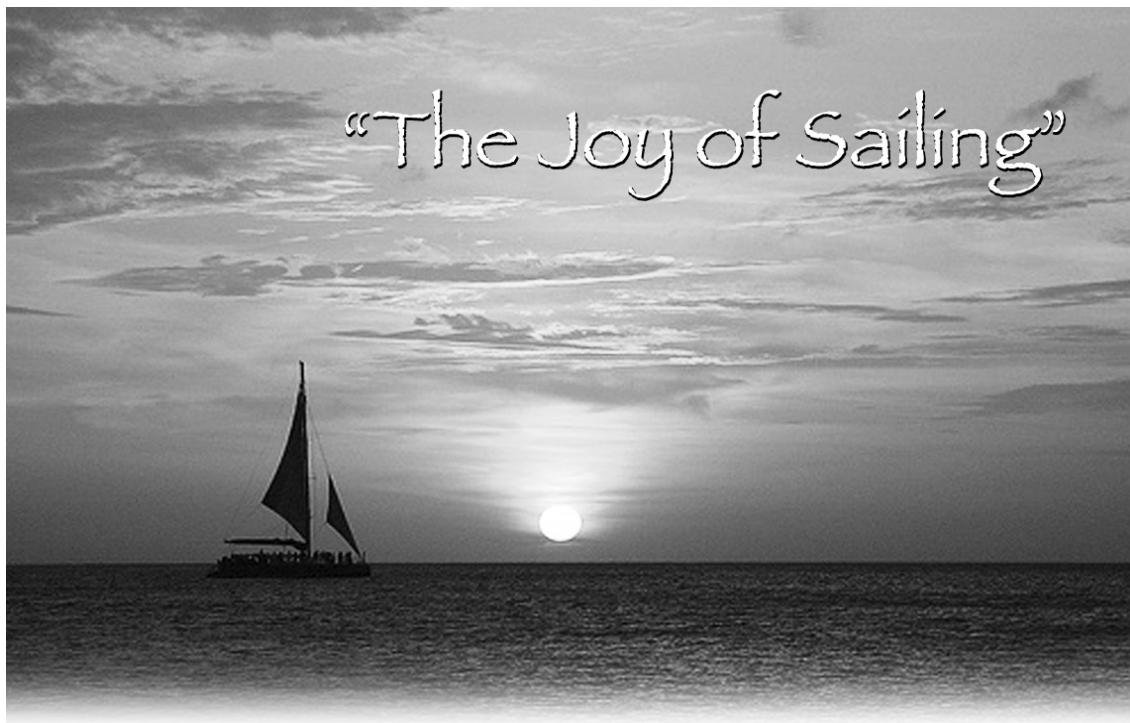
"It's like a shaking in the belly. People in the area are disturbed by this," said Kristin Vogfjord, a geologist at the Icelandic Met Office.

Land and water at farms in the ash zone have suffered since the volcano's eruption, with normally green pastures turned black and hard by the ash.

Vigtus Andresson said grazing land and water on his farm near the town of Hvolsvollur were contaminated, making it necessary to evacuate many of the horses and sheep he raises there. He said he also must slaughter some of his 29 horses because there is no place for them to go.

Scientists were worried that the eruption could trigger an even larger eruption at the nearby Katla volcano, which sits on the massive Myrdalsjokull icecap. Its last major eruption was in 1918.

"The activity of one volcano sometimes triggers the next one, and Katla has been active together with Eyjafjallajokull in the past," said Pall Einarsson, professor of geophysics at the Institute of Earth Sciences at the University of Iceland. □



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Hotels in Bangkok sending tourists packing

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BANGKOK (AP) —

Thailand's bloody political crisis has been scaring away tourists for weeks but took a new turn recently when some of the capital's finest hotels sent guests packing for fear of violence at their doorsteps.

The Grand Hyatt and InterContinental hotels in Bangkok told guests they would have to leave, while The Four Seasons remained open but closed all four of its restaurants and saw its cavernous lobby empty except for a few wilted orchids.

The hotels took action on one of the more relaxed days in the deadlock created by anti-government demonstrators who began occupying city streets more than five weeks ago. They abandoned plans to march into the heart of the capital's central business district Tuesday after soldiers in full combat gear were deployed to bar the way.

However, the failure to march did nothing to ease tensions. The so-called "Red Shirt" protesters reinforced defenses at their urban encampment and prepared homemade weapons, including hundreds of sharpened bamboo poles. The army in response said it would be prepared to use greater

force in any confrontations because of the danger posed by the weapons.

"The situation is very tense. We are relocating guests to other hotels for their safety," said Patty Lerdwittayaskul, a spokeswoman at the 380-room Grand Hyatt Erawan, which announced its closure until at least Saturday.

The nearby Holiday Inn and InterContinental also found safer accommodation for their guests and said new reservations would not be accepted until Monday.

The Red Shirts have occupied the capital's luxury hotel and shopping district for 18 days in their six-week bid to overthrow the government. Upscale malls closed almost immediately, as protesters transformed the area into a noisy and litter-strewn tent camp with outdoor showers and portable toilets for the thousands of supporters sleeping on the sidewalk.

The protesters, formally known as the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship, initially were camped in a historic district of Bangkok. But a failed April 10 attempt by security forces to flush protesters from that neighborhood erupted into the worst political violence Thailand has seen in 18 years, leaving 25 dead and more than

800 wounded. It also prompted the protesters to consolidate in the shopping zone, which has become their strategic stronghold.

Tensions mounted again this week when the government deployed soldiers in combat gear near the shopping area, known as Rajprasong, to block a planned march to the nearby Silom Road business district. The march has been called off but a standoff remains that threatens greater damage to Thailand's vital tourism sector, which accounts for 6 percent of the economy.

"No more 'Land of Smiles' — the image has been destroyed," said Apichart Sankary, from the Federation of Thai Tourism Associations, referring to Thailand's tourist-friendly nickname. "Tourists are frightened to see military personnel carrying guns. They can't believe this is Thailand."

Hotel occupancy normally at 60 percent or 70 percent this time of year has slipped to an average of 30 percent, Apichart said. But hotels in the protest zone were far below the average. Retailers and hotels in the area say they have lost tens of millions of dollars. "You cannot stay here," a staffer in the InterContinental's lobby told a lone group of Egyptian



Thai anti-government protest leaders clasp hands in front of cheering fellow protesters in Bangkok Friday April 16, 2010 after evading arrest by Thai police in a nearby Bangkok hotel. Thailand's political crisis took a surreal twist Friday when protest leader Arisman Pongruangrong climbed down a hotel facade with a rope to evade arrest and drove off with two police officers taken hostage by his supporters.

guests who were due to check-out the following morning but were being transferred to a Marriott away from the protest zone. One of them, Walid Moustafa, a Cairo gem dealer, said he wasn't bothered by the protesters but found the relocation an inconvenience. "It's been a little bit noisy. But the Red Shirts were very nice," he said. "They allowed our taxis to come through. I think it's safe — just don't stay in this hotel."

Down the street, men dressed in black who serve as guards for the Red Shirts manned razor-wired checkpoints —

some in bulletproof vests. One section of pavement down the street from the Four Seasons was devoted to an arsenal of crude weaponry where Red Shirts sharpened hundreds of long bamboo rods and piled them into tall stacks. Broken up pavement stones were heaped in other piles.

"This could blow up any minute. Anybody that's here is here at their own risk," said 63-year-old American David M. McCollum, a Vietnam War veteran from Washington state who like many tourists brought his camera to the protest zone.



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Argentina's last dictator gets 25 years in prison



Argentina's last dictator, former Gen. Reynaldo Benito Bignone, arrives to a courthouse for the verdict in his trial, along with five former generals and two others, who are accused of kidnappings and murders in one of the nation's largest torture centers, the Campo de Mayo military base, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's last dictator was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison Tuesday for torture and kidnappings committed

during the nation's 1976-1983 military regime.

Reynaldo Bignone, 82, was convicted along with five other former military officers for 56 cases involving torture, illegal detentions and other crimes in one of Argentina's

largest torture centers, the Campo de Mayo military base.

Human rights groups say that of the 4,000 dissidents taken to the base, about 50 emerged alive. The army-run base also had a clandestine maternity center where detained dissidents gave birth only to have officials take their babies away to be adopted by military families. Bignone was de facto president from 1982 to 1983, but the crimes he was convicted of were committed between 1976 and 1978, when he was a commander at the Campo Mayo base.

The verdict was read by judge Marta Milloc in a small indoor stadium where many of those in attendance were family members of victims, who held up photos of their loved ones and applauded the ruling.

"Today is a good day for

Argentines," said Estela de Carlotto, president of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo human rights group. "We are in agreement (with the ruling), but a lot remains to be done. There are hundreds more accused." In the same ruling, five retired officers received sentences ranging from 17 to 25 years for their role in the cases, while a former police official was absolved.

Bignone, who is currently under house arrest, was not present. He was appointed president by the military junta in the waning years of the dictatorship and it fell to him to protect the military as Argentina returned to democracy. He granted amnesty to human rights violators and ordered the destruction of documents related to torture and disappearances of political opponents before agreeing

to transfer power to the democratically elected Raul Alfonsin.

Argentina's courts and congress eventually overturned the amnesty, and President Cristina Fernandez has made a priority of prosecuting leaders of the dictatorship.

Bignone has denied responsibility for the crimes in past court proceedings.

Before the sentence was read, Bignone said it has never been demonstrated that "more than 8,000" people disappeared during the dictatorship.

"In times of peace the disappearance of a single person mean one thing and in times of war it means something else," he said.

An official report listed 13,000 people killed during the 1976-83 dictatorship. Human rights groups say 30,000 died. □

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Church pedophilia scandal grows in Latin America

TALES AZZONI

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SAO PAULO (AP) — The detention of an 83-year-old priest in Brazil for allegedly abusing boys as young as 12 in a case involving lurid videotape and a congressional investigation has added to the scandals hitting the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America. The allegations against Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa — and two other Brazilian priests — have made headlines throughout the world's most populous Catholic nation and come amid accusations of sexual abuse by priests across the world.

The scandal erupted when Brazilian television network SBT last month broadcast a tape of Barbosa in bed with a 19-year-old that was widely distributed on the Internet.

The station said the video was secretly filmed in January 2009 and sent anonymously to the network. It was not clear if the 19-year-old, identified as a former altar boy who had worked with Barbosa for four years, had previous sexual relations with the priest.

SBT reporters went to Barbosa's house and confronted him. Asked if he ever abused boys, Barbosa said he could only answer such a question "in confession" and cut off the interview.

Brazil's legislature launched a sex abuse investigation, which produced allegations Barbosa molested boys. The elderly priest was detained late Sunday.

Judge Romulo Vasconcelos told Globo TV on Monday that he requested Barbosa's immediate detention out of fear the priest would flee the country.

The case now goes to prosecutors, who will decide whether to file child abuse charges.

Sen. Magno Malta, the

Brazilian lawmaker leading the legislature's probe, called Barbosa's detention a milestone in the fight against child abuse in Brazil.

Barbosa's lawyer, Edson Maia, plans to seek his release from detention, citing the man's advanced age and arguing that he has a fixed address and does not pose a flight risk, Brazil's O Estado de S. Paulo newspaper reported Tuesday.

Congressional investigators said more than 20 witnesses were called and some testified Barbosa and two other priests in the same northeastern archdiocese had abused boys as young as 12, plying them with money, clothes and other gifts.

Bishop Valerio Breda of the Penedo archdiocese in the northeastern state of Alagoas said recently that all three priests had been suspended and that the church was conducting its own investigation.

One of the accused priests, Edison Duarte, was given immunity for cooperating with authorities, Malta said in a statement issued by his senate office. The third priest — Raimundo Marques — also is being investigated but denies any wrongdoing. He has not been arrested.

Church officials have not responded to calls requesting information on where Barbosa and the other priests had worked in the past.

Barbosa told investigators that "he is not a pedophile," but after three former altar boys testified he had abused them, he asked for forgiveness, said Renato Paoliello, a spokesman for Malta.

Latin Americans priests have faced a cascade of accusations of abuse of minors recently.

Just this month, church officials in Uruguay confirmed they had not

revealed the whereabouts to police of a defrocked priest who fled home to his family in Uruguay after a nun accused him of raping three children in Bolivia.

And a priest in Chile was charged with eight cases of sexually abusing minors, including a girl he had fathered.

A Mexican woman charged in March that the deceased, scandal-tainted founder of a conservative Catholic religious order abused one of the two sons she said he fathered with her. The Legionaries of Christ, the order founded by the Rev. Marcial Maciel, acknowledged earlier in a separate case that Maciel had molested seminarians.

In a report last week, The Associated Press detailed how its reporters around the globe had found 30 cases of priests accused of abuse who were transferred or moved abroad by the church and some escaped police investigations. Many had access to children in other countries, and some abused again. The probe spanned 21 nations across six continents.

Feeding the controversy, Pope Benedict XVI's second-in-command outraged many last week in Chile when he said homosexuality and not celibacy was the primary reason for the abuse.

"Many psychologists and psychiatrists have demonstrated that there is no relation between celibacy and pedophilia. But many others have demonstrated, I have been told recently, that there is a relation between homosexuality and pedophilia. That is true," Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone told reporters April 12 at a news conference in Santiago. "That is the problem."

The comments by Bertone, the Vatican's secretary of state, were condemned by gay advocacy groups,



Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa, 83, left, testifies at a congressional investigative panel next to state congressman Magno Malta in Alagoas, northeastern Brazil, Monday, April 19, 2010. Barbosa's detention for allegedly abusing boys as young as 12 has added to the scandals hitting the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America, even as Chile's bishops asked pardon on Tuesday for past sexual abuse cases.

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politicians and even the French government.

On Sunday, a teary-eyed Pope Benedict XVI met with abuse victims in Malta and said the church will do everything possible to protect children and bring abusive priests to justice, the Vatican said.

The emotional moment carried no new admissions

from the Vatican, which has strongly rejected accusations that efforts to cover up for abusive priests were directed by the church hierarchy for decades. But the pontiff told the men that the church would "implement effective measures" to protect children, the Vatican said, without offering details. □

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FILE - In this March 5, 2009 file photo, US singer Michael Jackson is shown at a press conference in London.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan, file)

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**,
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — First the Beatles and Elvis, now Michael Jackson.

The acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil announced Tuesday that it will put on a live touring show featuring the songs of the King of Pop starting late

Cirque to put on show based on Michael Jackson

next year.

That will be followed by a permanent production in Las Vegas in 2012 at a property owned by MGM Mirage Inc. The casino company did not say which venue will host the show. A nightclub in Las Vegas will also open with the show.

Cirque and Jackson's estate will each own 50 percent of the projects and share equally in the cost of putting them on. The estate will also receive royalties from the use of Jackson's music and other assets.

Jackson, who died at age 50 last June after a drug overdose, was described as a "huge fan" of the French Canadian performance group.

He saw their first tent show in Santa Monica, Calif., many years ago with longtime lawyer and now estate co-executor,

John Branca. And he visited their Montreal headquarters in 2004, Cirque CEO Daniel Lamarre said.

"He said he was an acrobat himself," Lamarre said in an interview. "As an artist he had this amazing way of bringing some visual element to his performances."

The touring show, which will begin in North America before branching out around the world, will be a simulation of a Jackson concert, while the Las Vegas show will be more theatrical and more technologically advanced, Lamarre said.

"The expectations of Michael Jackson fans around the world are going to be huge," he said. "And we have to deliver."

There are no plans for other members of Jackson's family to perform.

Before Jackson decided on a

series of comeback concerts at the O2 arena in London, he was seen several years ago in Las Vegas and considered performing there.

Branca said Jackson would have approved of a Cirque tribute.

"I'm not convinced he would have gone to Las Vegas and performed like Celine Dion did," he said in an interview.

"But this is something Michael would be very excited about." Unreleased Jackson recordings may become part of the shows' musical numbers, and his biggest hits will likely be remixed and mashed up so fans will hear his music in a new way, Branca said.

The other co-executor, John McClain, a Jackson friend and music producer, has discovered more than 60 songs that Jackson recorded but never released. They form

the backbone of a seven-year deal with Sony Music Entertainment worth up to \$250 million. A new album from the recordings is set for release in November.

Jackson's mother, Katherine, said in a statement, "Our family is thrilled that Cirque du Soleil will pay tribute to my son in such an important way."

Jackson died after overdosing on propofol and other sedatives. He was about to start a series of comeback concerts he called "This Is It." The concert movie based on rehearsal footage went on to gross \$252 million worldwide.

His personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He is expected to go to trial this summer. □

Rapper Guru dies at 43 after battle with cancer

By **MESFIN FEKADU**,
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Guru, the influential rapper known for his conscious and intellectual themes, his monotone delivery, and his combination of jazz sounds with hip-hop beats, has died after battling cancer, collaborators said. He was 43.

The world has lost "one of the best MCs and hip-hop icons of all time," according to a statement from Solar, Guru's producer. It was posted on the Web site of DJ Premier, who with Guru made up the rap duo Gang Starr. The site said Guru died Monday.

E-mails from The Associated Press to Solar and his assistant were not immediately returned. The statement also features a letter Guru wrote before his death. In it, he thanks Solar for his friendship, speaks about his son KC and his nonprofit cancer organization, Each One Counts. He also dismissed his relationship with Premier, saying, "I do not wish my ex-DJ to have anything to do with my name."

"I write this with tears in my



eyes, not of sorrow but of joy for what a wonderful life I have enjoyed and how many great people I have had the pleasure of meeting," it read.

Guru, whose real name was Keith Elam, was born near Boston and later moved to New York. His first album as a member of Gang Starr, "No More Mr. Nice Guy," was released in 1989. They released more albums as a duo, including the gold-selling "Moment of Truth" in 1998. The group's first hit was "Words I Manifest," which samples Miles Davis and Charlie Parker's "A Night In Tunisia." Other hits include "Dwyck," "Just to Get a Rep" and "Take It Personal."

Guru moved on as a solo artist in 1993, releasing "Jazzmatazz, Vol. 1," which featured a blend of jazz melodies and hip-hop sounds. He released four volumes of the "Jazzmatazz" series. He attended Morehouse College. □

Anthony Hopkins reaches a "Final Destination"

By **Bob Tourtellotte**

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — What's the downside to digital special effects and 3D movies overtaking theaters? One, at least, is that fans may lose sight of actors like Anthony Hopkins.

At 72 years-old, the Oscar winner says offers of work have slowed in recent years, and he finds roles in movies such as his current "The City of Your Final Destination," to be most enjoyable because films like it "are very quiet and internal."

That is not to say that Sir Anthony doesn't care to work with big action and special effects. He performed in recent horror tale "The Wolfman" and in computer animated "Beowulf."

But with big-budget movies like "Avatar" or "Clash of the Titans" dominating major studio releases -- movies in which the acting is done in front of green screens, and sets and stunts are digitally added into the films -- character-driven dramas such as "City of Your Final Destination," get less marketing money and play on far fewer screens.

As a result, performances such as Hopkins's portrayal of an eccentric, older gentleman named Adam -- his first time playing a gay man on screen -- often fail to reach theater

audiences.

"I've done a couple of green screens, and if they work that's great," he said. "But now the audience is so smart, and I think you watch some movies, and you can tell it's green screen, and somehow that looks detached" from the acting.

That won't happen with "City of Your Final Destination," which was directed by James Ivory from a screenplay by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala.

Along with Ivory's producing partner Ismail Merchant, who died in 2005, the trio were responsible for hit dramas such as "Howards End" and "The Remains of the Day," the 1993 movie that earned Hopkins his second Oscar nomination. He also won for playing killer Hannibal Lecter in 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs."

But Merchant Ivory productions fell on harder times in the late 1990s and 2000s as action movies and comic book flicks gained ever greater clout in Hollywood. Their "The Golden Bowl" (2000) and "Le Divorce" (2003) bombed at box offices.

END OF THE DAY? "City of Your Final Destination," which was made in 2007 but is just now seeing a limited release in major U.S. cities over the next several months, tells of a young man who wants to write a biography of a deceased



novelist named Jules Gund.

So, he travels to Gund's home in a rural section of a Latin American country to obtain permission from the writer's family. There he meets the writer's sister Caroline (Laura Linney), his live-in mistress Arden (Charlotte Gainsbourg) and gay brother Adam (Hopkins) who shares the guest house with his lover.

What plays out is a sort of family drama that, at every twist and turn, peels back the facade of the Gund family and of the writer himself.

The setting is lush, the acting from top craftsmen and women, and the directing and writing by a team that was once at the top of Hollywood's pecking order. In short, it is a movie that, perhaps only for now, is out of favor in Hollywood and confined to so-called "art house" theaters. □

BUSINESS

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Stocks advance on higher earnings, energy prices

By STEPHEN BERNARD
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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Another round of improved earnings reports and higher energy prices lifted the stock market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 30 points in afternoon trading Tuesday. Broader indexes outpaced the Dow.

Investors set aside some concerns about a potential overhaul of financial regulation and the government's civil fraud case against Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Traders instead looked to improved earnings reports.

Beyond earnings, a bounce in the price of crude oil after a two-week slide helped energy stocks. Dow stocks Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. rose.

Industrial equipment maker Illinois Tool Works Inc., regional bank Marshall & Ilsley Corp. and motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson Inc. all rose after reporting earnings.

Goldman Sachs said its first-quarter profit doubled on an improvement in trading revenue, but the stock slipped on concerns about the company's legal troubles.

Investors looking to lock in profits sold some of the companies that posted stronger earnings. Still, the tone of earnings reports offered investors more signs that the economy is rebounding. Apple Inc. and Yahoo Inc. are scheduled to report quarterly results after the closing bell Tuesday.

Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management in Philadelphia, said the market climbed with little break ahead of



the earnings reports so a slowdown isn't unexpected now that earnings are starting to arrive.

"We got paid ahead for this earnings period," Stone said.

The market has rocketed higher since major stock indexes hit 12-year lows more than 13 months ago. Tuesday's move higher extended a streak of steady gains seen in the past two months. Improving economic and earnings reports have given investors more confidence that the economy will mount a sustained recovery.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 35.37, or 0.3 percent, to 11,121.90. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.67, or 0.7 percent, to 1,206.19. The Nasdaq composite index rose 16.79, or 0.7 percent, to 2,496.90.

Four stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 568 million shares, compared with 635 million traded at the same point Monday.

The Dow rose 73 points for the day Monday after being lower throughout much of the day on concerns about the fallout from the charges against Goldman. The index climbed 100 points during the

last two hours of trading.

Bond prices were mixed. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.81 percent from 3.80 percent late Monday.

The dollar fell, while gold rose.

Crude oil rose \$1.83 to \$83.28 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil has fallen in eight of the past nine trading days since reaching \$87 per barrel. Disruptions to air travel from the volcanic eruption in Iceland is hurting demand for jet fuel.

Analysts said that the rise in stocks was a sign that the slow grind higher is continuing after a slide last week. The market fell Friday after the Securities and Exchange Commission said Goldman Sachs failed to tell clients about conflicts of interest in mortgage investments it sold. Goldman has denied wrongdoing and vowed to fight the charges.

Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at Channel Capital Research in Shrewsbury, N.J., said the market is able to resume its climb in part because the government has flooded the financial system with so much cash that some of it ends up in stocks.

Among stocks in the news, Goldman Sachs fell \$1.92, or 1.2 percent, to \$161.40. □



FILE - In this Oct. 6, 2008 file photo, then Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Chief Executive Richard S. Fuld Jr., testifies before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. The former Lehman Brothers CEO will tell House lawmakers Tuesday, April 20, 2010 that he has 'absolutely no recollection whatsoever' about an accounting maneuver that a bankruptcy examiner says the company used to mask its perilous financial condition.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

SEC

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Schapiro, who was not with the SEC at the time, said the agency is scrutinizing Lehman's use of the accounting move, known as Repo 105, that allowed it to mask its weakness.

Her testimony follows widespread criticism that the SEC failed to properly monitor Wall Street ahead of the Great Recession, and after the agency filed civil fraud charges Friday against Goldman Sachs.

Tuesday's hearing examining what led to Lehman's meltdown drew lawmakers into a partisan squabble over the Obama administration's push for financial regulatory reform. Republicans pointed to the track records of the SEC and other agencies as evidence that more regulation won't prevent future meltdowns.

Lehman's collapse was the biggest corporate bankruptcy

in U.S. history and threw global financial markets into crisis. The hearing looked at the bankruptcy examiner's report, which said the firm masked \$50 billion in debt. Schapiro said the SEC is examining "the truthfulness of the disclosure" in Lehman's financial filings. "It's not clear any action by the SEC could have saved Lehman Brothers, but we are determined to use the lessons of that experience to be more effective," Schapiro said. "More vigorous oversight and a new approach are essential."

Richard Fuld, Lehman's former CEO, said he has "absolutely no recollection whatsoever" of any documents related to the so-called Repo 105 accounting maneuver. After reviewing the transactions, he said the firm complied with accounting standards.

Fuld expressed regret about the company's collapse.

"One day we had a firm," he said. "The next day we did not. A lot of people got hurt by that, and I have to live with that." Michael Lee, a former Lehman vice president, testified that he tried to alert Lehman managers to concerns he had about Lehman's accounting. He sent a letter in May 2008 to top executives. After that, he said, "somebody came into my office, pulled me out and fired me on the spot."

The bankruptcy examiner, Anton Valukas, criticized the company and the SEC.

"Although the public had a right to expect that firms like Lehman were being regulated in a meaningful way, in reality, they were not," Valukas told lawmakers. Regulators, he said, missed opportunities to alter Lehman's conduct "before its situation had reached the point of no return." □

SPORTS

Aruba TODAY

Mexican golf star Lorena Ochoa retires

STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) —

Lorena Ochoa is retiring, just as Annika Sorenstam did two years ago, leaving the struggling LPGA Tour without its No. 1 player again and depriving the sport of one of its great ambassadors.

Ochoa, probably the best-known athlete in Mexico who is not a football player, announced her surprise decision Tuesday and will discuss her plans Friday.

The 28-year-old got married last year, setting off speculation she might be putting golf aside to raise a family. She has been No. 1 in the world the last three years and won 27 times over the last six.

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In this Oct. 4, 2009 file photo, Mexico's Lorena Ochoa tees off on the second hole during the final round of the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala. Ochoa, the No. 1-ranked woman in world golf, announced her retirement from the game in a short statement on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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NHL Roundup

Bergeron lifts Bruins past Sabres 2-1 in Game 3

BOSTON (AP) — Patrice Bergeron scored the go-ahead goal six minutes from fulltime to give the Boston Bruins a 2-1 win on Monday night and a 2-1 lead over the Buffalo Sabres in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

Mark Recchi bumped Tim Kennedy off the puck in the right corner behind the Buffalo net and fed it to Bergeron, whose quick shot from the right circle beat Ryan Miller. The sixth-seeded Bruins are home again for Game 4 on Wednesday night.

Mike Grier had given third-seeded Buffalo a 1-0 lead at 6:57 of the first period before Dennis Wideman equalized less than 9 minutes later.

Capitals 5, Canadiens 1

At Montreal, Alexander Ovechkin scored the fourth goal of Washington's second-period outburst, leading the Capitals past Montreal for a 2-1 lead in their Eastern

Conference series.

Semyon Varlamov made 26 saves in his first start of the series for Washington, which has won two in a row after losing the opener 3-2 in overtime.

Boyd Gordon, Brooks Laich and Eric Fehr each scored within a span of 7:27 as the Capitals chased Jaroslav Halak 8:33 into the second.

Tomas Plekanec spoiled Varlamov's shutout bid with a power-play goal 2:25 into the third. Matt Bradley scored the Capitals' final goal with 44.1 seconds left in the third.

Kings 5, Canucks 3

At Los Angeles, Michal Handzus scored two power-play goals and Drew Doughty had a goal and three assists as the Kings chased Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo during a 5-3 victory over the Canucks on Monday night, taking a 2-1 series lead in their first home postseason game in



Boston Bruins center Patrice Bergeron (37) celebrates his goal as he skates back to the bench during the third period of Game 3 against the Buffalo Sabres in an NHL hockey playoff series in Boston on Monday, April 19, 2010.

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eight years. Brad Richardson and Ryan Smyth also scored and Jonathan Quick made 25 saves as the sixth-seeded Kings moved ahead in the best-of-seven series with another standout game from their relentless power play,

which has seven goals after connecting three more times in Game 3.

Mikael Samuelsson scored his fourth goal of the series for Vancouver, which trimmed a three-goal deficit to 4-3 before the Kings finished strong. □



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, drives past Chicago Bulls' Luol Deng, from Sudan, in the fourth quarter of Game 2 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs Monday, April 19, 2010, in Cleveland. James scored 40 points to lead Cleveland to a 112-102 win.

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NBA Roundup

LeBron's 40 lead Cavaliers over Bulls

CLEVELAND (AP) —

LeBron James scored 40 points and took over in the fourth quarter as the Cleveland Cavaliers maintained home-court advantage by beating the Bulls 112-102 on Monday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

James added eight rebounds and eight assists for the Cavs, who led 96-93 with 4:30 left before the league's soon-to-be-two-time Most Valuable Player decided to dominate.

James dropped a 3-pointer that he capped with a quick dance move and wink toward Chicago's bench, made two free throws, a layup and two jumpers, scoring 11 straight as Cleveland opened a 107-98 lead with 1:36 left.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Chicago.

At Denver, Deron Williams led the injury-riddled Jazz to victory over the Denver Nuggets to level their Western Conference playoff series at 1-1. □

Howard wins consecutive defensive player awards

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Dwight Howard won his second straight NBA defensive player of the year award on Tuesday after becoming the only player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season twice — let alone in consecutive years.

Now 24, perhaps the next step for Howard is improving his offensive game enough to sway voters that he should win the Most Valuable Player award. Cleveland's LeBron James seems certain to take that honor again, and Howard said voters should factor in defense more.

"I think most people look at Most Valuable Player as somebody who scores a lot of points, which is great. I believe that defense wins championships, wins games," said Howard, who averaged 18.3 points per game. "I've always thought about it like that, and I'll continue to think about it like that."

The Orlando Magic's All-Star center received 576 total points, including 110 first-place votes from a panel of 122 NBA writers and broadcasters. Atlanta's Josh Smith was second with 136 points, and Charlotte's Gerald Wallace finished third with 113.

Howard averaged 13.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game this season, powering the Magic to the league's second-best record behind Cleveland. Only Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon and Ben Wallace each led the NBA in those categories once in the same season. Blocks were not kept as an official statistic until 1973.

"I think it speaks very highly of him, at 24, he's winning the award twice," Magic coach Stan Van

Gundy said.

Howard already was the youngest player to win the award last season. Players and coaches believe he could take the honors for years to come.

The man they call Superman swooped in to effect more shots than he blocked this season, changing games with his presence in the paint. Howard has been a matchup nightmare against almost every team, the main reason the Magic kept opposing shooters to an NBA-low 43.8 percent shooting.

The No. 1 overall draft pick out of high school in 2004, Howard has quickly become one of the most dominant centers. His chiseled, 6-foot-11, 275-pound (2.11-meter, 125-kilogram) physique makes him one of the most intimidating players, and his incredible vertical leap is even rarer for a big man. Certainly not a player easy to get around.

"You always have to know he's going to be there. He has great instinct," teammate Vince Carter said. "You know if you beat your man, you still have to get around Dwight."

Howard led the Magic to the NBA finals last year,

losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in five games. The Magic also have won three straight Southeast Division titles, and they had 59 wins in the regular season for the second straight year.

Orlando leads Charlotte 1-0 in the first round of the playoffs. Howard blocked nine shots in the opener, enough for Bobcats coach Larry Brown to call him the "most valuable player" of the game despite scoring just five points.

Game 2 is on Wednesday.

Howard is the seventh player to win the award in back-to-back seasons, joining Wallace, Olajuwon, Dikembe Mutombo, Alonzo Mourning, Dennis Rodman and Sidney Moncrief. Wallace and Mutombo each won the award a league-record four times.

Howard might get there one day.

The gold NBA title trophy would be even more special.

"It means a lot, but there's just one trophy that we all want here," Howard said. "Everybody in this city wants it, and it's on us. It starts with me blocking shots, rebounding and being a big defensive presence." □



Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard, right, blocks a shot attempt by Charlotte Bobcats guard Raymond Felton (20) during the first half of Game 1 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, April 18, 2010.

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In this March 31, 2010 file photo, Mexico's Lorena Ochoa lines up a putt on the second green during the pro-am round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Ochoa, the No. 1-ranked woman in world golf, announced her retirement from the game in a short statement on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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"Lorena Ochoa confirms her retirement from the LPGA, as news reports in some media have said today," her statement said. "The reasons and more details on the matter will be given by Lorena personally in a press conference on Friday in Mexico City. Lorena will share this news of a new

stage in her life with her sponsors, family members and friends."

The LPGA told The Associated Press it would not comment until Friday's news conference.

The LPGA said late Tuesday that Ochoa had not withdrawn from next week's Tres Marias event in Morelia, west of Mexico City, and indicated she

was expected to play. She finished fourth earlier this month in the Kraft Nabisco Championship in California, the first major of the year. "I'm just crushed," Judy Rankin, a Hall of Famer and television analyst, said upon hearing the news. "We won't get to see her play golf. Mostly, we won't get to see her."

Sorenstam was 37 when she retired in May 2008, saying she wanted to pursue other interests and start a family. She now has a daughter.

The newspaper Reforma first reported Ochoa's retirement and said she wanted to concentrate on her family and charities. In December, she wed Andres Conesa, the chief executive of Aeromexico airline. He has three children from a previous marriage.

"I must admit that I was surprised, but not shocked, when I heard the news yesterday that Lorena is going to retire," Sorenstam said on her blog. "She has always said she would play for maybe 10 years and then leave the game to start a family. She just got married and obviously feels that she is ready for that next chapter in her life."

Ochoa has also talked openly about wanting children of her own. Last year, she began traveling

more, playing less and taking on more obligations, which include her charity foundation.

"Personally, it's more important the things that I do outside the golf course," Ochoa said last year before a tournament she hosts in her hometown of Guadalajara. "And that's been my main focus right now."

"I will think about a family, but later on," added Ochoa, often described as an "awesome person" by other players.

Her retirement is a blow to an LPGA Tour buffeted by the rough economy. It has only 25 tournaments on its schedule this year, 14 of them in the United States. Sorenstam became the face of the tour by winning the career Grand Slam, becoming the only woman to shoot 59 and playing in the Colonial, the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

Ochoa never quite assumed that star power, playing before moderate crowds even as she was going for a record-tying fifth straight victory in Tulsa, Okla., two years ago.

Ochoa was defined as much by her dominance as her graciousness. Mindful of her roots, she often would go to the maintenance barn during LPGA Tour events and speak with the

workers, many of them from Mexico.

She won six times in 2006, rose to No. 1 in 2007 and captured her first major at St. Andrews the same year by winning the Women's British Open. Ochoa's other major was the 2008 Kraft Nabisco Championship, where she took the traditional jump into the pond with her family as a mariachi band serenaded her.

She won her fourth consecutive LPGA Tour player of the year award in 2009, narrowly holding off Jiyai Shin. Ochoa played four times this year, with her best finish at the Kraft Nabisco Championship when she finished fourth.

Shin of South Korea is No. 2 in the rankings and Yani Tseng of Taiwan, this year's Kraft Nabisco winner, is No. 3. Both are in position to fill the void left by Ochoa.

There is also Michelle Wie, who won her first tournament last season and may have the star wattage the LPGA is looking for. Wie is ranked No. 9.

Sorenstam said she is happy for Ochoa, although acknowledging the LPGA will "certainly miss her great play, warm demeanor and smile."

"The most rewarding days are ahead of her, and I wish her all the best," she said.

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AL Roundup

Upton's 3-run homer seals Rays' win over Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — B.J. Upton capped a five-run third inning with a three-run homer as the Tampa Bay Rays completed a four-game sweep of the Boston Red Sox with an 8-2 win victory Monday in the annual Patriots Day game.

Jeff Niemann pitched seven sharp innings to help Tampa Bay win its seventh straight, all on the road, and match the club's best winning streak away from Tropicana Field in one season.

It was also Tampa Bay's first sweep of a series three games or more in Fenway Park.

John Lackey, who signed a 5-year, \$82.5-million contract with Boston during the offseason, allowed eight runs and nine hits in only 3 1-3 innings.

The Red Sox are off to their worst start since opening 1996. Boston was 0 for 30 with runners in scoring position in the series, with Jeremy Hermida's two-run homer the only runs in the series finale. Mariners 8, Orioles 2

At Seattle, Doug Fister took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Ken Griffey Jr. and Casey Kotchman combined to drive in five runs in Seattle's

win.

After a two-out walk in the first, Fister retired the next 16 batters before Nick Markakis opened the seventh with a clean single to center.

Griffey had a two-run single in the Mariners' 7-run third inning and Kotchman hit a two-run home run in the third and a RBI double in the seventh.

Jack Wilson also had three hits, including two doubles.

Orioles starter Brad Bergesen lasted only 2 2-3 innings. He was charged with six hits, seven runs, though only four were earned, and walked three without a strikeout.

Fister finished with three hits and one seven innings. He walked one and struck on three.

Angels 2, Tigers 0

At Anaheim, California, Joel Pineiro pitched into the eighth inning and Fernando Rodney got the save against his former team, closing out Los Angeles' win over Detroit.

The Angels won their fourth straight after beginning the season 2-6.

Pineiro allowed nine hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out four and walked none.



Tampa Bay Rays' B.J. Upton is greeted by teammate Carlos Pena (23) after Upton's three-run home run during the third inning as Boston Red Sox catcher Victor Martinez looks on in a MLB baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Monday, April 19, 2010.

The right-hander started two inning-ending double plays — one on a line drive by Alexei Avila that trapped Brandon Inge off first base in the second, the other on a comebacker by Miguel Cabrera in the sixth.

Dontrelle Willis allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings and struck out two.

Blue Jays 8, Royals 1

At Toronto, Jose Bautista hit

two home runs and Brandon Morrow pitched seven innings as the Blue Jays ended a three-game losing streak.

Travis Snider also homered to help the Blue Jays win for the 18th time in 22 home games against Kansas City.

Attendance was 10,314, the smallest crowd in the 22-year history of Rogers Centre and breaking the mark set last

Wednesday, when Toronto drew 10,610 for a game against the Chicago White Sox.

Morrow allowed one run and three hits, lowering his ERA from 12.00 to 7.31. He walked two and struck out eight.

Kansas City right-hander Brian Bannister allowed six runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings, raising his ERA from 2.19 to 4.58. □

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Marks the start of a major renovation process of Oranjestad and San Nicolas

New Main Street entrance inaugurated



ORANJESTAD — The first phase of the multimillion beautification project of the Aruba Main Street is now completed, and now the focus is on the restoration of the Aruba Historic Center. Prime Minister Mike Eman, who officiated the opening of the renovated entrance to Main Street in presence of Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sevinger, said soon Aruba will have its own renovated historic center including an improved Government building. The next phase also includes the renovations at the historic Court House, including the park in front of the building

across the Emanstraat. Prime Minister Eman said the project will give the entire area a complete new dimension in its development. An improved Main Street connected to a historic center, and on the other side the renovated Court House and park, as well as a restored Watertower further down the street means a drastic improvement of the Aruba product for locals and tourists alike, according to Eman. He attributed the progress on these renovation projects to a dynamic 'infrateam,' whose members work day and night to push the work. The team is not only focusing on

Oranjestad, but also has plans for San Nicolas. The intention is to reactivate the Aruba industrial town with similar renovation plans. These include projects to improve quality of life in some 15 residential areas in San Nicolas. The government hopes that with investments in facilities for youngsters in particular and all residents in general, it will spur community efforts in working together to further improve living conditions for all, including those who have special, social, needs. According to the Prime Minister, the efforts to improve quality of life for Arubans took off symbolically with the opening of the Main Street entrance. The visual need and changes are crucial for economic change, with the government taking the lead role to stimulate the economy. Another important step in expanding economic possibility is the construction of a new four-lane highway between Oranjestad and San Nicolas. Even though many environmentalists are set



against such projects, others, particularly San Nicolas business leaders, see it as a condition for development and progress. Prime Minister Eman said Minister of Transport of The Netherlands Carmine Eurlings will visit Aruba next month, to see how The Netherlands can cooperate and help out in planning the major undertaking. Eurlings will be accompanied by Dutch experts who will assist Aruba in the planning process of the Oranjestad-San Nicolas

highway and also the so-called 'ringweg 3', a new highway route that has been designed for some time to bring relief to the heavy traffic congestion that typifies Oranjestad, in particular. According to Eman, these projects mean investing in Aruba and will stimulate economic activities, in a time of crisis. "These are necessary investments, and the government will use public funds for valuable projects," he emphasized. □



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Marketing conference at the Aruba tourism faculty showed

'Aruba' brand requires investment, integral innovation



ORANJESTAD — Differential competitiveness has diminished and in order to stand out again as a tourist destination, the private sector needs to be involved in the future development of the industry. That is just one of the conclusions presented during the first Conference on Marketing of the University of Aruba, 'Branding Beyond Boundaries.'

Various local and international experts elaborated on the topics of destination marketing and quality of the tourism product, in a full house University of Aruba aula. Among the attendees were students but also business leaders who recognized the value of learning more about new trends in consumer demands, trends that require a new thinking and a new approach to marketing.

University Rector Dr. Lydia Emerencia opened the conference, stating the importance of development of knowledge, and why investigation is imperative for innovation and improvement

of the 'Aruba' brand and product.

Tourism Faculty Dean and investigator Dr. Ryan Peterson focused on the 'Branding Beyond Boundaries,' shining the light on international and regional developments with regard to marketing and the competitiveness of tourist destinations. He explored the creation of an image or brand and the value of such for a particular destination, including Aruba.

Peterson also showed new models of imaging rearing their heads within the Caribbean.

The Tourism Faculty Dean was able to demonstrate the dynamics of competitive positions of various countries through the presentation of various images, and thus was able to illustrate the value of national marketing is for tourism. And in addition, national marketing or reaching out to the community itself has a major role in achieving international commerce, as it helps attract new investment which in turn will help develop and diversify national economies. "More that a tourism tool, a national brand is essential for social, economic and political development of a country, particularly when establishing and fortifying international relations," Dr. Peterson emphasized.

He also showed the process of the past decade, during which the design of various 'brands' have undergone changes and adaptations, and how countries can loose their

competitive position if they do not pay attention to their national brand.

Keynote speaker, internationally recognized expert on destination images, Dr. Marcella Daye, also spoke about the theme. Dr. Daye said that it is crucial for a country to differentiate itself, not only by focusing on the physical product, also more so on the experience and related products. Based on her studies of the Caribbean and also Asian nations, she concluded that many countries tend to copy the marketing strategies that exist in their vicinities. To many times the object is the tangible aspect of the product, namely the physical attributes.

But these are not enough to maintain a more sophisticated economy, according to Dr. Daye. It is still important to illustrate the physical aspects, yet the market nowadays requires much more. The differential competitiveness has diminished and therefore, an innovative and integral policy is instrumental to improve the tourism marketing and product, she said. And in order to do so, the private sector has an important role to play since they are an integrated part of the product and experience, as they provide the authentic flavor.

Students of the faculty also held presentations of ongoing investigations, some as long as a year. The results so far show that a national tourism brand is more than an



image or perception. It is an accumulative of physical and emotional experiences, where quality and satisfaction play an important role in creating loyalty. More over, it means realizing benefits that are natural to a strong brand. Moreover, the students presented a series of recommendation on how to improve the Aruba brand, for instance by introducing marketing strategies based on Aruban values; reaching out to new visitors by means of new technology;

integration of physical and commercial aspects of the product; improve the value for money; working toward improving quality of the environment; solve the traffic problem in Aruba; improve quality and standard of service and communication.

Only by working in an integral and innovative manner, will Aruba be able to position itself in a competitive form in this brave new world of international tourism and commerce, was their conclusion. □





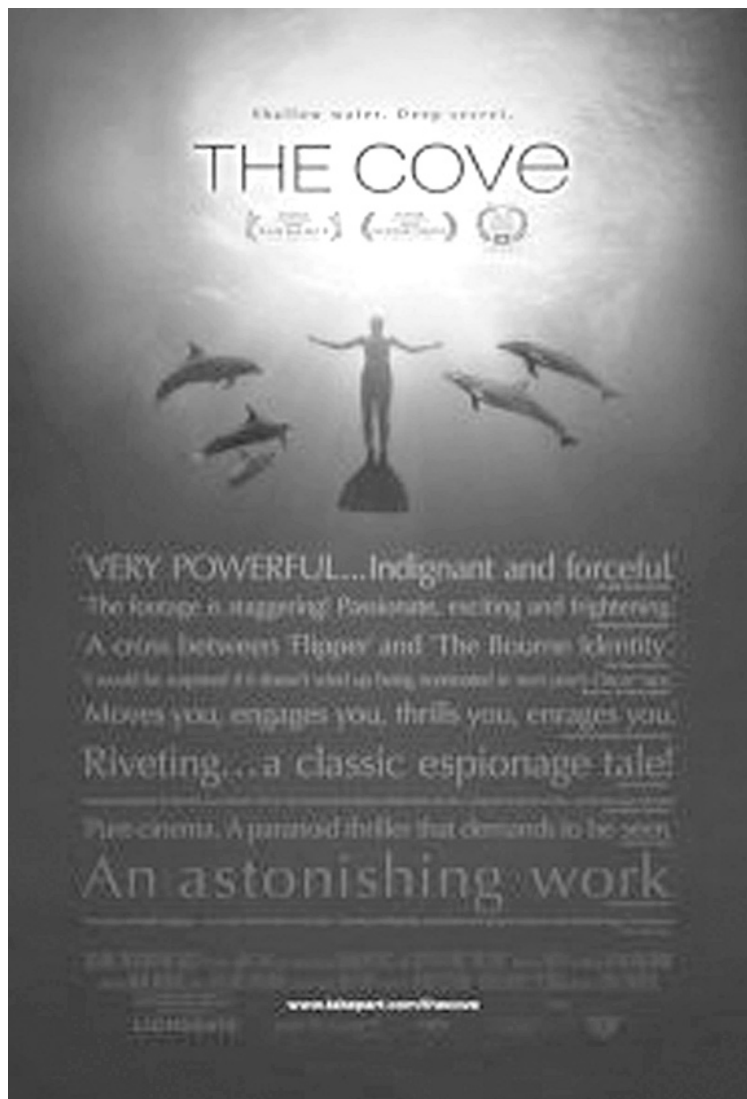
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Invitation to A Lecture On Aruba Wild Dolphins



ORANJESTAD - Hadicurari and the Aruba Marine Mammal Foundation (AMMF) cordially invite all interested fishermen, boat owners, sea and nature lovers, to an informative evening on Saturday April 24, at 7 pm, at Hadicurari. This evening is organized to introduce the scientific research by George Mason University on dolphins and whales in Aruban waters.

In addition, the lecture is organized to create an opportunity to meet all those who work at sea and have an interest in its wildlife. For AMMF, this contact is important to exchange information on our wild dolphins and whales. AMMF

also wishes to explain the protocol on human interaction with wild dolphins when they are inshore in their vulnerable zones (for example when giving birth). This protocol is important for the conservation of Aruba wild dolphins, but also for the safety of human swimmers. Swimmers are known to be approached by dolphins at Mangel Halto, Arashi, Malmok, Boca Catalina, Palm Beach, Eagle Beach, and inside the South coast reef.

During the Hadicurari-hosted informative evening, Angiolina Henriquez will present the work of AMMF during the last 12 years followed by a presentation



about an ongoing scientific research project by Jolanda Luksenburg (a PhD candidate of George Mason University, USA).

After the presentations, the movie "The Cove" will be shown. This documentary has won 46 awards, including awards at the film festivals of Rome, Toronto, Amsterdam and Sydney, and even an Oscar for Best Feature Documentary at this year's Academy Awards. The evening will end in the traditional "happy hour".

"The Cove" is based on Richard O'Barry's (the former trainer of Flipper) efforts to protect wild dolphins. In this movie he shows why he is against keeping dolphins in captivity. Richard O'Barry, a friend and colleague of Angiolina Henriquez, visited Aruba in 2007 to assist in the anti captivity campaign in Aruba to stop the dolphinarium plans.

This scientific marine mammal research project of Jolanda Luksenburg

is internationally co-sponsored by: George Mason University, The Society for Marine Mammalogy, The American Museum of Natural History, Cetacean Society International, Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds Nederland, Humane Society International. The protocol education -project of AMMF is co-sponsored by CEDE Aruba (Centre for Development of Aruba Foundation).

All interested parties are most welcome to attend. □



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Scientific Study Of Aruba's Wild Dolphins



ORANJESTAD - After a long period of preparation, AMMF is pleased to announce the arrival of Jolanda Luksenburg, a PhD candidate in marine mammal conservation from George Mason University, USA. She will conduct Aruba's first scientific research on dolphins and whales.

The research starts with a baseline investigation of the biodiversity of marine mammals, with special attention for the rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*). This will include the expansion of the identification database for dolphins and whales of AMMF. In addition, the research focuses on social patterns and vocalizations of marine mammals. All seabirds sighted will also be documented.

Jolanda Luksenburg and AMMF president Angiolina Henriquez recently met with several Aruban institutions and are very pleased to collaborate with Hadicurari (Fransisco Franken), the Aruba Coastguard, the Department of Fisheries (Ms. Patricia Portier), Coastal Zone Management (Byron Boekhoudt, Marine Biologist), the Veterinary Department (especially for use of their lab), Mr. Diego Marquez of Fundacion Parke Nacional Arikok and a small communication network of fishermen and boat owners. The current lead research vessel for this project is "Kristel" of Michael Wever and the backup vessel "Misha"



of Michael Franken.

The purpose of AMMF to bring a scientific research to the island is in order to get Aruban data in to scientific publications, especially on rough-toothed dolphins because this species is not yet well-known on a global scale. Their presence close to shore of Aruba provides researchers a unique opportunity to study them. The AMMF hopes that the launch of this internationally recognized research project will help to establish a national conservation management plan for Aruba's marine mammals and their natural habitat.

This scientific research project is internationally co-sponsored by a number of organizations, including: George Mason University, The Society for Marine Mammalogy, The American Museum of Natural History, Cetacean Society International, Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds Nederland, and Humane Society International. The AMMF is actively looking for sponsors to transform this project into a long-term research program.

On Saturday, April 24, 7 pm at Hadicurari, there will be an informative lecture on Aruba's marine mammals documented during the last 12 years, an explanation about the current scientific research project, and a showing of the Oscar winning documentary "The Cove". All interested parties are welcome to attend.



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HUMAN HINTS

Change Your Outlook to Change Your Life

Our lives are made up of daily details that alter our emotions. Details make up daily life, and our attitude toward them is what defines our lives. It is not what happens to us, it is our reaction to what happens to us that defines us. It is not the details, but your attitude toward them that defines your life.

Just the idea of changing your attitude usually arouses negative emotions. When we step back and analyze our attitudes, however, we can easily change them.

Release the idea that changing your attitude must be difficult or painful. We can let go effortlessly, and replace the old emotional associations with new energy that will empower and encourage us.

Your attitude is the emotion that you associate with any given situation, person or task. What do you enjoy, and what tasks don't you like? Who feels great to be around, and who drags you down? What situations empower you, and when do you feel powerless?

These are your attitudes, your emotions toward these aspects of your life. When you associate negative emotions with something, you have a bad attitude about it. Our associations are automatic emotional reactions to external stimuli. Once you observe your automatic associations in yourself, you can reprogram yourself to react differently.

Think of a bad habit you have. You know it is a bad habit, but you can't seem to kick it, because you associate it with some sort of pleasure. It relaxes you, takes your mind off things, or something else that makes you feel good. At the same time, you know its bad for you, so you also have a negative association that you can build on.

Think of a task you really don't like to do, but you have to do it. You don't like to do it because you associate it with negative emotions, but you feel that you have to do it because other people or the big picture will benefit from you efforts. Instead of thinking of the task as something you have to do, think of it as spending your time and energy helping

others and contributing to the big picture.

These are the basics of how to change your attitude in order to change your life, but there is another trick that will help tremendously. We must shock our brain out of its old patterns, then instantly place new patterns into our thoughts. With practice, the new patterns will become the default, and the old attitudes will disappear.

When you feel your bad attitudes taking over, interrupt your own thought patterns by introducing something foreign, something that does not belong in the situation. When you don't want to do something, think of a bird chirping in your head, or imagine an air horn suddenly going off. Now, instantly think of a good association with whatever you have to do, by concentrating on how it will help others and the big picture.

Changing your attitudes will make your life easier and more meaningful. Here's how. Interrupt your negative thought patterns

and replace them with positive associations.

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Amazonia Churrascaria introduces a new dining option

Palm Beach – The crew at Amazonia Churrascaria is gearing up for the restaurant's 10th anniversary. Almost one decade ago, the authentic Brazilian concept of Rodizio Steakhouse offering continuous dining caught literal fire as a troop of waiters armed with mega skewers started roaming the colorful and friendly new indoor & outdoor dining room of Amazonia Churrascaria, introducing a fresh and novel style of dining to enthusiastic locals and visitors.

Having enjoyed instant success, Amazonia Churrascaria became a household name, a favorite place for family gatherings, celebrations or just great food. "Now, after ten years," says Hubert Solagnier, restaurant manager, "it is time for a new product, an a la carte option, designed to satisfy small eaters, and patrons with distinct menu favorites."

Diners may now opt for the traditional, continuous parade of gauchos, slicing more than 14 cuts of grilled beef, chicken, lamb, pork & sausage, or a new a la carte dinner option, where their favorite skewer – from Grilled Pineapple, to Parmesan Pork, Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon, Lamb Chop, or the Mixed Amazonia Skewer with

tenderloin and vegetables, and the Passion Skewer with six jumbo shrimp -- is delivered to the table, seasoned to perfection and slow roasted over open flame, in the restaurant's signature style.

Both dining styles are accompanied by an extravagant forty-item, frequently changing seasonal salad bar where patrons can keep sampling until they beg for mercy, and a delicious array of tasty sides. With two choices, an all-inclusive feast and an a la

carte delight, diners can now better tailor the Amazonia Churrascaria culinary adventure, to their liking, combined with the restaurant's extensive award-winning Wine Spectator wine list, well stocked bar and terrific selection of Cuban cigars.



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Hyatt Regency Curacao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina Opens

Curacao's newest luxury resort embodies the spirit of this captivating island destination and brings authentic hospitality and cultural flavor to guests



WILLEMSTAD, Curacao -- Hyatt Regency Curacao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina bid bon bini ("welcomes" in Papiamentu) its first guests on Tuesday, and introduces a new level of luxury and service to the Dutch-influenced Caribbean island. As the focal point of the 1,500-acre Santa Barbara Plantation resort community, the 350-room beachfront resort features Old Quarry by Pete Dye, the island's only 18-hole championship resort golf course; Atabei Spa, an eco-friendly holistic retreat inspired by the island's ancient

traditions and rituals; and a full-service, six-slip marina.

The resort was designed to immerse guests in Curacao's rich culture and heritage through a variety of activities highlighting the island's distinctive local flavor. From Camp Arawak, where children age 12 and under have the chance to explore the natural surroundings during cave hikes and iguana feedings, to the Lama Salt Bar which allows spa goers to create customized body scrubs from a selection of indigenous sea

salts, herbs and aromatic oils, to an extensive farm-to-table dining program, guests will walk away with a true taste and feel for Curacao.

"Curacao is a vibrant and captivating destination, and we are thrilled to bring Hyatt's authentic brand of hospitality and extraordinary service to the island," said Diego Concha, general manager. "We've worked diligently to capture Curacao's colorful culture and undeniable charm throughout the resort, and we look forward to sharing this with our guests."

The resort's other amenities include three outdoor pools with ocean views, palm lined sundeck, StayFit@Hyatt fitness center, jogging trail, tennis and volleyball courts, and more than 38,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and banquet space. There are three globally inspired dining options, including MEDI, specializing in Mediterranean cuisine with an exhibition kitchen; SWIM,

a poolside restaurant offering Pan Latino-influenced dishes; and SHOR, a specialty seafood restaurant.

All 350 guestrooms, ranging from doubles, kings and junior suites to VIP, executive and presidential suites, feature natural sandstone flooring, Hyatt Grand Beds, flat screen plasma televisions, deluxe bath amenities and scenic views of either Spanish Water Bay or the Caribbean Sea. Three beach bungalows in a private enclave are also available.

Located in the southwestern Caribbean, Curacao offers an eclectic mix of history and culture. With a Dutch influence and European flair, the island is known for its sophistication, eco-tourism and pristine diving conditions. In addition to offering sun, sand, sea and diving, Curacao also provides many cultural, historical and ecological points of interest that appeal to the discerning traveler.

About Hyatt Regency Curacao

Golf Resort, Spa and Marina Located at Santa Barbara Plantation, the 350-room Hyatt Regency Curacao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina is part of a 1,500-acre luxury resort community taking shape along a natural harbor known as Spanish Water, 25 minutes from Curacao's capital city of Willemstad.

The luxury resort features uninterrupted water views on three sides, white sand beaches, full-service Atabei Spa, a separate 24-hour StayFit@Hyatt fitness center, Camp Arawak, three outdoor pools, poolside grill, lounge, dive and water sport facility, Old Quarry -- an 18-hole Pete Dye designed championship golf course, and 38,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. For the latest news from Hyatt Regency Curacao Golf Resort, Spa and Marina, become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hyattcuracao or follow the resort on Twitter @hyattcuracao. □

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with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red Snapper, served with Rice and a salad.

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Westin hosts Youth Art Exhibit 2010



PALM BEACH - This past Saturday, some of the island's talented budding artists had the chance to display their works during the Youth Art Exhibit 2010.

The event took place in the Westin's Starwood Art Gallery, where some 61 works of art were displayed. The exhibit showcases

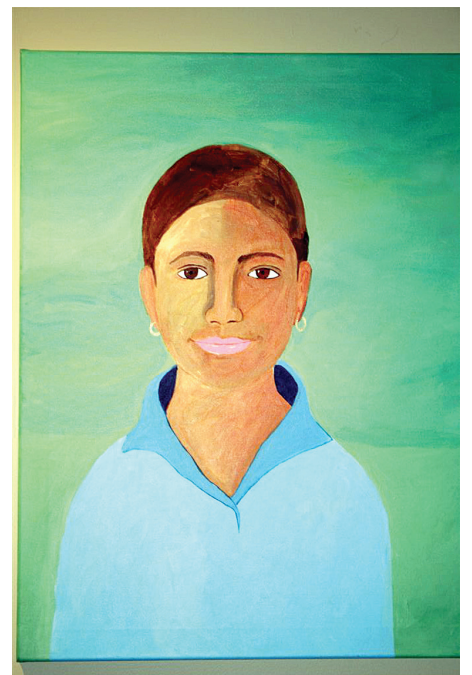
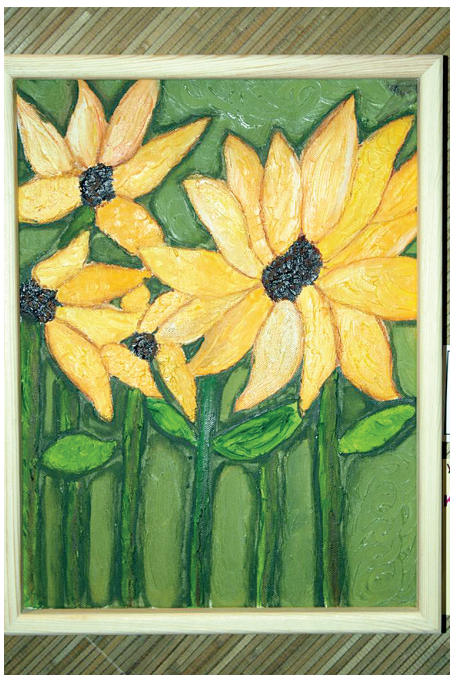
the artwork of 31 students created under the guidance of their art instructor, Miriam de l'Isle. Featured were "self portraits," "portraits of my family and



friends," and "portraits inspired by Picasso." This was the 5th annual exhibit organized by Miriam, and works will be on display in the Starwood Gallery at the Westin through May 11th. On May 8th, an art auction will be held, with proceeds going towards the purchase of a dozen art easels and supplies for the children.



Saturday's opening was a huge success, with the largest turnout to date for an art opening at the gallery.



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Fecundity or being able to have children has always been an issue. Virtually all cultures have had a means of venerating the Supreme Being as a Divine Female that could be asked to help with fertility problems. Whether you already have child and would like more children or hope to have a family in the future, the physical and psychological health of both partners as well as lifestyle can greatly affect your chances of getting pregnant and having a healthy baby.

Unfortunately, the U.S. National Survey of Family Growth reported that impaired fecundity rose significantly between 1982 and 1995, the biggest increase in women under 25. Similar findings from Europe show that 40 percent of men entering the draft in Denmark have low sperm count levels associated with infertility.

If you're under 35 and have been trying to get pregnant for less than a year (or fewer than six months if you're over 35), you have no reason to be concerned yet. To make sure you're doing all you can to enhance your chances of getting pregnant come in for a consultation. If you've had frequent unprotected sex for more than a year (six months if you're over 35) without conceiving, you or your partner may have a condition that's interfering with your chances of conceiving. A doctor can diagnose a fertility problem.

Researchers estimate that as many as one in ten couples have trouble getting pregnant and this is expected to rise. If you're having

Fertility, Naturally

trouble, that doesn't mean you'll never have children. Many couples need extra time or medical intervention to get pregnant. We have found many of our fecundity (fertility/pregnancy) patients have a health imbalance, emotional stress or simply need sexual education. Our couples have had success using a combination of detoxification, clinical nutrition, couples counseling and Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) therapies that we offer in our clinic. We have found that by supporting and balancing both partners, we can enhance the positive outcomes.

Women tend to have fertility problems when they have a history of: endometriosis, uterine fibroids, pelvic inflammatory disease, blocked Fallopian tubes from a previous infection or surgery, or chronic illness such as diabetes, cancer, or thyroid disease. Sexually transmitted disease (STD's) can adversely affect chances of getting pregnant. Women who have painful or irregular periods or excessive facial and body hair have hormonal imbalances impacting fecundity. Finally, women can have pain during intercourse or be allergic to their partner's sperm.

Men can have problems if they have a history of: infection with the mumps virus after puberty, diabetes, cancer, thyroid disease, undescended testicles, testicular tumors, cysts or cancer, or varicoceles (varicose veins in the scrotum.) Heat kills sperm, so tight underwear, hot tub, saunas, and

frequent long-distance bike rides can greatly reduce your sperm count.

In both we want to make sure that neither smokes tobacco nor marijuana nor uses alcohol to excess. Studies show that under or overweight couples have a harder time getting pregnant and having a healthy pregnancy.

Reports show that men working with pesticides have higher rates of infertility. Women, whose mother's were exposed to the pesticide, DDT needed increased time to get pregnant. Another fertility and health concern is a chemical used plastics and the lining of cans, bisphenol A (BPA). The latest studies show that men who carry cell phones in pants pocket or clipped to their belts may be exposing their testicles to damaging radiofrequency electromagnetic waves according to Ashok Agarwal, PhD, director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute in Cleveland.

Since chemicals, pesticides and cell phones are part of modern life, precautionary methods like using protection and minimizing use and exposure may help. Choose glass over plastic, use natural house cleaners, organic body products and non-toxic garden products.

Besides, lifestyle changes, to increase chance of pregnancy, the woman can keep track of her basal body temperature daily and check for changes in cervical mucus to determine her ovulation cycle. New, accurate home fertility

scopes are available that can eliminate urine testing and daily charting. A small, easy, reusable microscope, available in pharmacies and through gynecologists can accurately show your ovulation (fertility) cycle with a drop of saliva. When you know your fertile days, planning is easier.

I recommend the man-on-top position which allows for the deepest penetration and places sperm closer to egg. When a woman has an orgasm the mouth of the womb extends to the vaginal floor and picks up the sperm. I recommend woman have an orgasm after their partner. Lastly, stress can affect appetite, emotions, and the hormones required to release the eggs. If you're stressed out, you may ovulate later or not at all. As many couples trying to get pregnant know, feeling anxious and overwhelmed can kill your sex drive.

In early pregnancy a woman's body produces an elevated level of hCG (human chorionic gonadotropin). About 14 days after fertilization (the time you would expect your period) the amount of HCG has increased so that, some home pregnancy tests may be able to detect the hormone in your urine and give you a positive result. Most home pregnancy tests are not sensitive enough to guarantee you an accurate result in a couple of days of conceiving.

You're more likely to get an accurate result if you wait until a week after your expected period before testing.

Get the Point! If you really want to increase your chances of getting pregnant and having a healthy baby, before



you try artificial methods, come in for a natural fecundity workup. Being healthy before pregnancy, gives your baby a healthy start. We're here to answer your questions. Meanwhile a small offering to a fecundity deity won't hurt.

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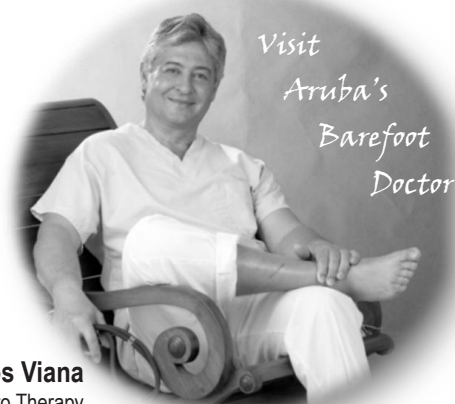
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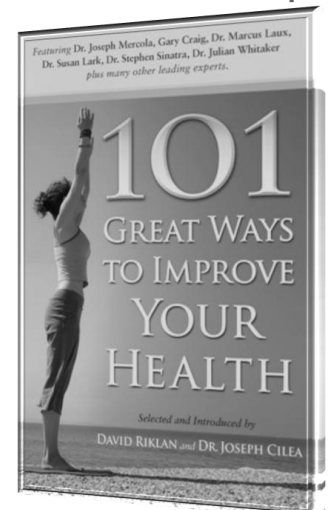
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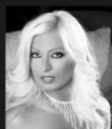
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Democrats Hate That Tea Parties Are Peaceful

Mona Charen

Creators Syndicate — Former President Clinton reminds us, on the 15th anniversary of the bombing in Oklahoma City, to police our discourse so as not to incite the “delirious” and “unhinged.” Timothy McVeigh, he notes, “took to the ultimate extreme an idea advocated ... by an increasingly vocal minority: the belief that the greatest threat to American freedom is our government ... “

This is only the latest and most high profile installment of a long-running campaign by Democrats to malign their opposition. It worked very well for Mr. Clinton in 1995 — the baseless insinuation that right-wing radio hosts had ignited murderous rage with their intemperate rhetoric — and he’s reaching into that seedy toolbox again.

By citing “the belief that the greatest threat to American freedom is our government” as the chief motive of murderous terrorists, the former president implies that resistance to government overreach and encroachment is illegitimate; the province of extremists.

There are two problems with this. First, it is perfectly true that government can be a threat to liberty. This is so obvious that it hardly bears rebutting. Two examples: Alien and Sedition Acts, internment of Japanese Americans. No one understood government’s capacity to constrain freedom better than the Founders, who designed a system so diffuse and balanced that power would be difficult (though not impossible) to abuse.

The second problem with Mr. Clinton’s intimation is that his pious concern about a “vocal minority” protesting government threats to freedom was nowhere in evidence during the Bush administration, when many liberal commentators were caterwauling that President Bush was “shredding” the Constitution. A “vocal minority” certainly believed that the government was the greatest threat to American liberty (they thought Bush a far greater threat than Islamic extremism) — but their saying so didn’t trouble Mr. Clinton.

Nor was Clinton moved to speak out when anti-Bush protestors labeled him the world’s “worst terrorist” and carried posters of the president wearing a Hitler moustache.

You can delegitimize all political speech you dislike by suggesting that it may inflame the violence-prone. The press attempts this again and again. Rather than openly debate, they smear. The 1994 election, which unseated the Democratic majority, was described by the press, without any evidence, as the eruption of “angry, white,

male” voters. One fan out of 8,000 at a McCain/Palin rally was reported to have shouted “Kill him” in reference to Obama. Rafts of stories dwelt upon this revelation of the “ugly” side of Palinmania. A later investigation found no evidence that it had even happened. And of course the tea party movement, a spontaneous, widespread upwelling of grassroots dismay at the direction of government policy, has been falsely and savagely maligned as racist, violent and primitive. (The best poster spotted at a tea party rally: “It doesn’t matter what I put on my sign because you will accuse me of racism anyway.”)

Actually, Democrats are reduced to warning that certain attitudes can lead to violence because there hasn’t been any actual violence at the tea party rallies. All have been remarkably orderly and even friendly. You can almost feel the Democrats’ frustration at this. By contrast, many, many left-wing protests and demonstrations have sparked violence. Just last year, at the G-20 meeting in Pittsburgh, rampaging protestors broke shop windows and scuffled with police, who used batons and tear gas to subdue them. A 1999 meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle was so badly disrupted by anti-globalization fanatics, who smashed windows and shut down the center of the city, that the governor had to declare a state of emergency and call out the National Guard. (President Clinton failed to assail those who criticize corporations as inspiring the violence.)

In 2007, several hundred protesters who descended on Washington, D.C., during the International Monetary Fund meeting turned over trash cans, smashed windows, threw bricks, and pushed a police officer off her motorcycle. In 2008, as John Hinderaker of Powerlineblog recalls, anti-Republican protesters at the convention in St. Paul: “threw bricks through the windows of buses, sending elderly convention delegates to the hospital. They dropped bags of sand off highway overpasses onto vehicles below.” The violence was only fleetingly covered in the press and went unmentioned by leading Democrats.

Republicans have been very quick to condemn violent acts or even intemperate words by right-wing individuals or groups. They’ve even condemned some that didn’t happen — like false account of racial slurs shouted at members of the Congressional Black Caucus. While it’s important to police one’s ranks, it’s also necessary to expose the Democrats’ persistent and malignant libels. □

GOP Loaded With Self-Funding Candidates

Kyle Trygstad

Some of the top Republican House candidates in the country have self-funded large portions of their campaign coffers, a plus for a party aiming to win back Congress this year.

One-third of the 39 candidates that have reached the second tier of the National Republican Congressional Committee’s three-step campaign organization program have given or loaned their campaigns significant amounts of money, recent Federal Election Commission filings show.

If Democrats hold on to their three remaining vacant seats in special elections this year, the GOP will need to pick up 40 seats to win back the House. Even with the national political landscape favoring them, GOP challengers need cash to keep up with incumbents that have been raising money for more than a year.

The NRCC had just \$6 million in the bank at the end of February, so candidates able to raise vast amounts of money -- including from their own personal bank accounts -- are attractive. The committee’s Democratic counterpart has more than three times as much on hand.

The candidate who’s loaned his campaign the most so far is Tom Ganley, who’s challenging second-term Rep. Betty Sutton in Ohio’s 13th District. Despite raising just \$16,000, Ganley has shelled out \$2 million of his own money and has nearly 10 times as much cash on hand as the incumbent.

Another top self-funder is Randy Altschuler, who’s loaned his campaign more than half of the \$2 million he’s brought in. He’s running against fourth-term Rep. Tim Bishop in New York’s 1st District on Long Island.

The other 11 Republicans who’ve reached the NRCC’s “Contender” status and are partially self-funding their campaigns include (candidate, district, amount loaned and/or contributed to campaign):

- Scott Rigell, VA-2, \$599,000
- Bill Flores, TX-17, \$493,000
- Nan Hayworth, NY-19, \$400,000
- Brian Rooney, MI-7, \$240,000
- David McKinley, WV-1, \$200,000
- Tom Reed, NY-29, \$135,000
- Jim Renacci, OH-16, \$122,000
- Frank Guinta, NH-1, \$120,000
- Rick Berg, ND-AL, \$110,000
- Keith Fimian, VA-11, \$105,000
- Larry Bucshon, IN-8, \$65,000

None of the 10 Republican challengers who’ve reached the top “Young Gun” status have given more than \$25,000 to their campaigns. But all have raised enough to be on solid financial ground anyway. □

Rechiflan a ONU en inauguración de cumbre climática en Bolivia

TIQUIPAYA, Bolivia (Reuters) - Dramáticos llamados a luchar por la supervivencia del planeta se confundieron el martes con un sonoro rechazo al papel de Naciones Unidas frente al cambio climático en la inauguración oficial de una conferencia mundial ambientalista en Bolivia. La rechifla de miles de delegados de los cinco continentes a un mensaje de Naciones Unidas pareció confirmar previsiones de un fuerte tono izquierdista en la Conferencia Mundial de los Pueblos sobre el Cambio Climático y los Derechos de la Madre Tierra, convocada por el presidente boliviano, Evo Morales.

A tono con el mandatario, activistas anti capitalistas expresaron en el acto inaugural duras críticas a líderes mundiales por no haber logrado en una cumbre en Copenhague compromisos



Un empleado cuelga un banderín alusivo a la Conferencia Mundial de los Pueblos sobre el Cambio Climático y los Derechos de la Madre Tierra en Cochabamba, Bolivia, abr 19 2010. REUTERS/Danilo Balderrama

suficientes para frenar el calentamiento global. El tono crítico alcanzó su apogeo cuando Alicia Bárcena, secretaria ejecutiva de la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), fue obligada por la silbatina y gritos de los asistentes a dejar de leer un mensaje del secretario general de Naciones Unidas, Ban Ki-Moon. “El cambio climático es un dilema ético y político que tiene serias repercusiones en el bienestar de nuestra generación (...), es muy importante que se dé una solución global, es necesario que se tome en cuenta las opiniones de todos”, alcanzó a leer Bárcena, tratando de mantener la compostura. Luego pidió “respeto y diálogo”, afirmando que la unidad que reclaman los pueblos puede ser alcanzada a través de la ONU y no rechazando al organismo mundial. □

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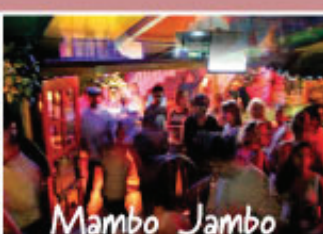
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